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SUBJECT: LIMA MUNICIPAL WORKERS STRIKE

1. WHITE COLLAR MUNICIPAL WORKERS OF THE CITY OF LIMA (SALARIED EMPLOYEES) CONTINUED THEIR NOW 9-DAY STRIKE JAN 27 FOR HIGHER WAGES AFTER REJECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPSALS OF THE PREVIOUS DAY. WORKER DEMANDS ARE A MINIMUM SALARY OF 5,400 SOLES (\$41.54) PER MONTH AND A 600 SOLES (\$4.62) PER MONTH HIKE FOR THOSE NOW EARNING MORE THAN THIS AMOUNT. THE UNION ALSO WANTS BONUS PAY OF 10,800 SOLES AND THE REHIRING OF CERTAIN FIRED WORKERS. MANY MUNICIPAL SERVICES SUCH AS BUSES, GARBAGE COLLECTION AND UTILITIES ARE BEING MAINTAINED AS BLUE COLLAR WORKERS (OBREROS) REMAIN ON THE JOB.

2. LIMA MAYOR AND OTHER GOP OFFICIALS HAVE DECLARED THE STRIKE "ILLEGAL" AND ACCUSE UNION LEADERS OF PLAYING POLITICS. HOWEVER, UNOFFICIAL OBSERVERS CONSIDER THE STRIKE BASICALLY ECONOMIC AND NOT RPT NOT A "TEST" OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE STRIKE IS IRRITATING AND EMBARRASSING TO THE GOP AS IT IS DELAYING LEGAL SERVICES SUCH A BIRTH AND MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS, NOTARIES, ETC. THE HOLDUP OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES HAS HINDERED SERIOUSLY VOTER REGISTRATION IN LIMA (WHICH HAS ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF THE POTENTIAL ELECTORATE). THIS DALAY, ALONG WITH OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, HAS PRMPTED THE ELCTORAL COMMISSION
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TO CONSIDER ASKING THE GOP TO POSTPONE THE JAN 31 DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION.
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